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## Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request 13

**Date of Meeting:** March 23, 2004

**Date Submitted:** March 17, 2004

**To:** Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

**From:** Parwez Alam, County Administrator  
Vincent Long, Assistant County Administrator

**Subject:** Approval to Issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) to the City of Tallahassee Fire Department (TFD) to Provide Non-transport, First Response, Advanced Life Support Services in the City of Tallahassee

### Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval to issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) to Tallahassee Fire Department (TFD) to provide non-transport, pre-hospital advanced life support (ALS), first response services within the City of Tallahassee (Attachment #1).

### Background:

On January 13, 2004, the Board authorized staff to finalize the ALS Agreement between Leon County and the City of Tallahassee. The ALS agreement was effectuated on February 3, 2004 and set forth the conditions under which TFD could provide non-transport, pre-hospital advanced life support, first response services within the city limits

On February 23, 2004, TFD submitted an application to Leon County requesting approval of a COPCN for non-transport ALS services, as required by Sections 8-59 and 8-61, Leon County Code of Laws. Subsequently, the Leon County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC) met on March 12, 2004 to consider this request as required by Section 8-62, Leon County Code of Laws. At that meeting, the EMSAC recommended that the Board approve the COPCN application made by TFD (Attachment #2).

### Analysis:

In order for TFD to provide ALS services, they must first be licensed by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS). However, pursuant to section 401.25(d) F.S., BEMS will not issue an ALS service license until such service has been issued a COPCN by the County in which they plan to operate. In order to effectuate the provisions of the ALS agreement, the Board must issue a COPCN to TFD so that they may complete their licensing process. Issuing a COPCN to TFD would enable TFD to upgrade their level of service from basic life support to advanced life support, Afirst responder@ services, as authorized by the Board.

### Options:

1. Approve the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for the City of Tallahassee Fire Department (TFD) application to provide non-transport, pre-hospital advanced life support, first response services in the City of Tallahassee.
2. Do not approve the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for the City of Tallahassee Fire Department (TFD) application for the provision of non-transport, pre-hospital advanced life support, first response services in the City of Tallahassee.

3. Board direction.

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**Recommendation:**

Option #1

**Attachment:**

1. Proposed Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the City of Tallahassee

2. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for the City of Tallahassee Fire Department (TFD) application

\*(There will be a copy of Attachment #2 provided for Board review in the Board conference room.).

\*(There will be a copy of Attachment #2 for public review at the Reception Area, 5th floor, County Courthouse.)

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**LEON COUNTY**  
**Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**  
**Emergency Medical Services**

**Whereas**, the City of Tallahassee has made application for the grant of authority to provide advanced life support, first responder, non-transport services, 24 hours per day/seven days per week, from five City of Tallahassee Fire apparatus, located at five identified fire stations within the incorporated area of the City of Tallahassee.

**Whereas**, the above named service provider affirms that it will maintain compliance with the requirements of the Emergency Medical Services Act (Chapter 401, F.S.) and rules (Chapter 64E-2, F.A.C.); and

**Whereas**, the above named service provider affirms that it will comply with Article III of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida; and

**Whereas**, the governing body of Leon County has considered recommendations of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

**Now therefore**, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County hereby issues a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to the City of Tallahassee to provide the following services only: Advanced Life Support, first responder, non-transport services, 24 hours per day/seven days per week from five City of Tallahassee fire apparatus located at five identified fire stations within the incorporated area of the City of Tallahassee with limitations as prescribed on this Certificate. The service shall be provided within the territorial limits of the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida. The Certificate holder shall maintain the level of service as outlined in their application throughout the term of this Certificate, and shall conform and comply with all rights and duties granted by the certification.

Date Issued: March 23, 2004  
Date of Expiration: March 23, 2006  
(Unless Certificate is sooner revoked or  
suspended)

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Jane Sauls, Chairman

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Bob Inzer, Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Herbert W.A. Thiele, County Attorney

- Item 9 Request to Schedule Joint City/County Adoption Hearing for the Cycle 2004-1 Comprehensive Plan Amendments on Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.  
(Public Services/Planning - Vincent Long/Wayne Tedder)

**The Board approved Option #1: Schedule Adoption Hearing for the Cycle 2004-1 Comprehensive Plan Amendments for Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at 6:00 PM.**

- Item 10 Approval to Initiate an Amendment to the Official Zoning Map in Response to Rezoning Request from Ace Hardware  
(Public Services/Planning - Vincent Long/Wayne Tedder)

**The Board approved Options #1 and #2:**

**1. Initiate a rezoning from R-1 (Single-family Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial) for the portion of the parcel currently zoned R-1.**

**2. Direct staff to accept development review applications based on the C-2 zoning until final disposition of the amendment to the Official Zoning Map.**

- Item 11 Request to Schedule a Public Hearing to Amend the Leon County Emergency Medical Transportation Services Ordinance for Tuesday, April 13, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.  
(Public Services/EMS - Vincent Long/Dan Moynihan)

**THIS ITEM WAS PULLED.**

- Item 12 Approval of Mutual Aid Agreements for Emergency Medical Services with Wakulla, Gadsden and Jefferson Counties  
(Public Services/EMS - Vincent Long/Dan Moynihan)

**The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Mutual Aid Agreements with Wakulla, Gadsden and Jefferson Counties and authorize the Chairman to execute.**

- Item 13 Approval to Issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to the City of Tallahassee Fire Department (TFD) to Provide Non-Transport First Response Advanced Life Support Services in the City of Tallahassee  
(Public Services/EMS - Vincent Long/Dan Moynihan)

**The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for the City of Tallahassee Fire Department (TFD) application to provide non-transport, pre-hospital advanced life support, first response services in the City of Tallahassee.**

- Item 14 Ratification of the Emergency Medical Services Division (EMS) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Policy (HIPAA)  
(Public Services/EMS - Vincent Long/Dan Moynihan)

**The Board approved Option #1: Ratify the Leon County Emergency Medical Services Division HIPAA Privacy Policy and Notice of Privacy Practices, nunc pro tunc to December 29, 2003.**

- Item 15 Approval to Establish the Airport Gateway Corridor Advisory Committee  
(Public Services/Intergovernmental Affairs - Vincent Long/Benjamin Pingree)

**The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Enabling Resolution creating the Airport Gateway Corridor Advisory Committee.**